

Certification Policy 02-A(u) - Advanced Training Prerequisite

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Updated portions are underlined

Background:

With the implementation of §157.32 in April 2001, the new language requires certification at EMT or EMT-I “prior to beginning field and clinical rotations” in advanced courses. Since the phrase “prior to” could mean **years** prior to, and not necessarily **at the time of** enrollment, at the beginning and during field and clinical rotations, and/or upon becoming eligible for advanced testing, it was ~~determined~~ decided we needed a new rule interpretation to make the determinations.

Historically, persons who were currently certified by National Registry (NR) or any other state were allowed to enroll in an EMT-I or EMT-P course. [Policy 98-B](#) and [Policy 99-O](#), which addressed enrollment have been rescinded.

Statute Reference: HSC §773.009

Rule Reference: §157.32(c)(3)(C) Certification as an EMT-Basic shall be required prior to beginning field and clinical rotations in an EMT-I course.

§157.32(c)(4)(C) Certification as an EMT-Basic shall be required prior to beginning field and clinical rotations in an EMT-P course.

§157.3 (33) Emergency medical technician (EMT) - An individual who is certified by the department as minimally proficient to perform emergency prehospital care that is necessary for basic life support and that includes the control of hemorrhaging and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(34) Emergency medical technician-intermediate (EMT-I) - An individual who is certified by the department as minimally proficient in performing skills required to provide emergency prehospital or interfacility care by initiating and maintaining under medical supervision certain procedures, including intravenous therapy and endotracheal or esophageal intubation or both.

Policy:

Students in advanced courses must hold at least a current Texas or NR EMT basic certification prior to and for the duration of all field and clinical internships.

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